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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Raymond Phan

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Peri d f r Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____ .
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disp sition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Pri rity under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____ .
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing R view (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) ____ .
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____ .
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____ .

Part III DETAILED ACTION

Notice to Applicant(s)

1. This application has been examined. Claims 1-29 are pending.
2. The Group and/or Art Unit location of your application in the PTO has changed. To aid in correlating any papers for this application, all further correspondence regarding this application should be directed to Group Art Unit 2181.

Specification

3. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

(e) the invention was described in-

(1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effect under this subsection of a national application published under section 122(b) only if the international application designating the United States was published under Article 21(2)(a) of such treaty in the English language; or

(2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that a patent shall not be deemed filed in the United States for the purposes of this subsection based on the filing of an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a).

5. Claims 1-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Birkler et al. (US No. 6,466,951).

In regard to claims 1, 16, 23, Birkler et al. disclose a system for allowing items related to an example item to be found, comprising at least one relationship agent contained in a first electronic (i.e. PC) that automatically builds relationship information between different items (see col. 3, line 54 through col. 4, line 21); an item relationship database formed by at least one relationship agent, the database including the relationship information between different items (see col. 4, lines 26-45); a synchronizer that transfers the item relationship database or a portion thereof, from the first electronic device to the second electronic device (i.e. PDA); and logic embedded in the second electronic device that uses the relationship information in the item relationship database to find item related to the example item (see col. 4, lines 3-44).

In regard to claim 2, Birkler et al. disclose wherein the first electronic device is a PC and the second electronic device is a PDA (see col. 3, lines 2-16).

In regard to claims 3, 12, 17, 24, Birkler et al. disclose wherein the second electronic device is a system with low processing power and limited storage capacity (see col. 3, lines 9-16).

In regard to claims 4, 18, 25, Birkler et al. disclose a user interface mechanism on the second electronic device that allows users to ask for item related to the example item; and display on the second electronic device that illustrates the items to the example item when the user interface mechanism is invoked (see col. 4, lines 26-44).

In regard to claims 5, 19, 26, Birkler et al. disclose further a supporting database to the at least one relationship agent, which allows at least one

relationship agent to make a query into the supporting database for finding the relationship information of the particular item (see col. 3, line 54 through col. 4, line 21).

In regard to claims 6, 13, 27, Birkler et al. disclose wherein the relationship information (i.e. calendar information) is built based on criteria including at least one of temporal relevance, content relevance and people relevance (see col.4, line 56 through col. 5, line 30).

In regard to claims 7, 14, 20, Birkler et al. disclose wherein the item relationship database includes a document table for storing type and location of information of particular item and a document relation table for storing correlation among sets of different items and a description of the type of relationship for each set (see col. 4, line 56 through col. 5, line 10).

In regard to claim 8, Birkler et al. disclose wherein item related to a set of example item are found (see col. 4, lines 13-21).

In regard to claims 9, 21, 28, Birkler et al. disclose wherein the synchronizer allows transfer of an item relationship database, or a portion thereof, from the second electronic device to the first device (see col. 4, lines 26-44).

In regard to claims 10, 15, 22, 29, Birkler et al. disclose further a user interface front end to the item relationship database that allows users to modify the relationship information stored in the item relationship database, set their own relationship information, or set the rules for making the relationship information for the at least one relationship agent (see col. 4, line 56 through col. 5, line 10).

In regard to claim 11, Birkler et al. disclose a system for allowing items related to an example item to be found, comprising at least one relationship agent contained in a first electronic (i.e. PC) that automatically builds relationship

information between different items (see col. 3, line 54 through col. 4, line 21); an item relationship database formed by at least one relationship agent, the database including the relationship information between different items (see col. 4, lines 26-45); a synchronizer that transfers the item relationship database or a portion thereof, from the first electronic device to the second electronic device (i.e. PDA); and logic embedded in the second electronic device that uses the relationship information in the item relationship database to find item related to the example item (see col. 4, lines 3-44). Birkler et al. disclose a user interface mechanism on the second electronic device that allows users to ask for item related to the example item; and display on the second electronic device that illustrates the items to the example item when the user interface mechanism is invoked (see col. 4, lines 26-44).

Conclusion

6. All claims are rejected.

7. The prior arts made of record and not relied upon are considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Paajanen et al. (US No. 5,189,632) disclose a portable personal computer and mobile telephone device.

DiGiorgio et al. (US No. 6,286,060) disclose method and apparatus for providing modular I/O expansion of computing device.

Pivowar et al. (US No. 6,457,062) disclose a system and method for synchronizing multiple calendars over WAN.

Siitonen et al. (US No. 6,049,796) disclose a personal digital assistant with real time search capability.

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Fernandes et al. (US Pub No. 2002/0165851) disclose an analyzing data files.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to examiner Raymond Phan, whose telephone number is (703) 306-2756. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 6:30AM- 4:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's Primary, Paul Myers can be reached on (703) 305-9656 or via e-mail addressed to paul.myers@uspto.gov. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 746-7239.

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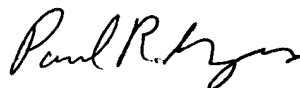
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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.



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